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Old Turkey Gobbler (or Hen) Time is ripe

IN THE VALLEY OF THE MOON

Our secret flu remedy, used as a preventive this time, finally succumbed to the inevitable, and we really got it. Then Madame Little, M.D. extraordinary, took over. Fed us some 2-grain quinine tablets (to drive the cold out), followed by some licorice powder (to drive the quinine out)—and here we are, almost as good as ever. Physicians have told us they can't prescribe anything much better for a cold.

The best place to throw a wild party it out. VALLEY WATCH REPAIR, Boyes. Gift headquarters. Large and varied stocks.

Bud Delaney was able to abandon his little trailer-office this week, and start operations, on a restricted basis, in his new Richfield service station. He expects to be on a normal basis by about Christmas. It's going to be a handsome station, four pumps, enclosed lubrication room, spacious office, and everything spic and span.

THANKSGIVING decorations, favors, kitchen and serving necessities. (Christmas cards, too.) RUGGLES VARIETY STORE Sonoma.

Two most gratifying news items came our way this week: A congressional candidate in the San Fernando valley, running on a straight-out "right-to-work" platform against a mighty good democrat, went in by about 2000 majority in a special election. And on Garroway's program, educators discussed the year-round school session movement, the idea gaining ground by the hour. Moonbeams is for both of these ideas, and has been for many moons.

LIONS CLUB at the Palms Inn Tuesday night. Several special events looming, and your help will be needed. Come on out!

PALMS INN, Verano. Home of the Lions. Wonderful food, always. Cocktail bar. Finest mixed drinks. Meet Carl and Jim.

What size town do you like bestos? We've lived in Chicago, Detroit and Los Angeles (a remote section), and there are advantages, of course. Plus plenty of disadvantages.

Lived in Lansing, Mich, a capital city similar in size and character to Sacramento, with over 100,000 population. Also in the tri-cities, (Rock Island, Davenport and Moline), aggregating well over 100,000. Rock Island had about 30,000 when we were there.

Then we lived for 10 years in Holt, Mich., quite similar to Boyes, and unincorporated. No sewers. No city water . For one summer we were in a town of 900, but it had been incorporated for years, had city water, a splendid sewer system, good schools and churches, a volunteer fire department—and all paid for, with a low tax rate. (Could be done here—yet!)

But having lived in towns and cities of all sizes, we'll still stick with the smaller places—where you know everybody, they know you, and everybody gets along all right.

UNDER-COVER SHOP, Rustic Bldg., Glen Ellen. Lingerie, robes, imported blouses, nurses' uniforms, novelties. Reasonably priced.

Many an office holder has been eased out of his job for some "little" thing. We abjure (what a word) our supervisor to consider just one "little" thing. That is, the open ditches which were dug, now, four weeks ago, ostensibly to test the sewers. They're still there, open, dangerous to motor traffic, and a blight on the landscape. Are they kept open so as to provide work for the flare-lighter? Why doesn't our current supervisor get smart?

VALLEY OF THE MOON CIGARS—Union label, handmade right here at home. Superior quality always. Most dealers have 'em.

Tony Hydar, our favorite barber, has completed his harvest—3 tomatoes and some zinnias—and has his land all prepared for the next crop. Of course he has a gardener who does all the work. Tony's estate consists of a strip 18 inches wide and maybe 20 feet long, alongside his barber shop in Boyes. But (some years) he really produces a crop of beautiful tomatoes.

SONOMA GROVE, Hiway 12 south of Boyes. Italian food a specialty. But also American—steak, poultry, roasts, seafood. Cocktails.

Our paper salesman crossed us up this time. We ordered light green, yellow and mandarin. What we got was blue, yellow and pink. Should we sue 'em?

BATES & EVANS, Funeral Directors. 691 Broadway, Sonoma. Sonoma Valley's Pioneer Funeral Service firm. Serving families of all faiths since 1879. WEbster 8-2686.

So next week comes Thanksgiving, on a Thursday, naturally. That normally is our day of production, but we'll have to work all day

Wednesday instead, take it easy Thursday, and deliver Friday—so just maybe some of Moonbeams news will be a day old. But day-old eggs aren't so bad, are they?

MIKE & ROSE'S BOYES SPRINGS STORE. Special low prices last three days each week. Finest steaks in the Valley.

Thanksgiving will see just about everything closed hereabouts—except the taverns and a few gas stations; markets, part of the day. Postoffice, banks, all governmental offices will be closed. Turkeys are relatively low priced this year, so everybody can enjoy a big one. Local markets are heavily stocked with all the ingredients for the Thanksgiving feast. The kids will be coming home for the holiday—many of them—or maybe you'll be visiting the kids.

Every eating spot in the Valley is making special preparations for the big day. Their prices are most reasonable. If you have a big family, perhaps a home dinner is in the cards. But if there are only two or three of you, maybe the best bet is to go out for dinner.

They're all offering splendid menus (in at least one case you can take home the "leavings"), and you'll save a lot of work and worry. In addition, you'll find some mighty fine TV and radio programs on the air, a football game or two, so you can just plain relax all afternoon. And be thankful.

SONOMA MISSION INN, Boyes. Nationally known, noted for its splendid meals, excellent bar, luxurious accommodations.

Lazy R & T Shop in Sonoma stresses the fact that you might well get those carving knives sharpened ahead of the big day. "Don't pick that turkey to pieces," they say. "Slice it." The shop also sells platters, big ones, and a lot of other utensils that'll come in handy.

MENDEL'S CAFE, Boyes Plaza. Bring your guests here—for the best in steaks, seafood, Spanish dishes. Cocktails, too!

We have, and have had for a long time, a certain resentment against the state beverage control board, for the sneaky way in which they trap unwary or thoughtless licensees. A certain local case: A young fellow went into a restaurant, ordered a meal, and a bottle of beer. The beer came from a far distant room. Only it was a school election day (now absolved from tavern closing) but the waitress hadn't been told about it, and he was served his beer. Also he was exactly one day shy of being 21 years old. So the tavern gets a 10-day license suspension.

Of course the law has to be observed, but why be so blankety-blank technical about it? Let's throw the bureaucrats out, bodily!

FRIBERG DRUG STORE, So. Broadway, Sonoma. Prescription specialists. Time-Ex watches. A super drug store. Soda fountain.

And with a perfectly good ball field down at the bathhouse, in relatively good shape, and available to the Little league and other similar groups, why isn't it being used? Why, maybe, not some semi-pro ball here next year? Properly managed, it would go over.

LEE STARRETT, Masseur, at Bathhouse, Boyes. Massages, slenderizing. You'll look and feel better. Make it a habit.

And who do you suppose has been training locally for his fight with Joe Brown for the lightweight boxing championship in Chicago in December? It's Joey Lopes, one of the good ones, who has been stopping at the Mission Inn and training at Hanna Center. His road work starts from the George Thompson ranch on Arnold drive. Many of you'll be watching the fight. 'Way back, a lot of the top boxers did their training in the Springs area. Good thing to get back to that era.

BUD'S GARAGE, corner Railroad & Cherry Sts. Guaranteed finest workmanship. Chevron Service Station. Phone WE 8-3971.

Heard a good one—and rather hesitatingly print it in this religious journal. The little doggie in the mutnik asked that he be allowed to "step out for just a minute or two at the South Pole as we go by."

DENNY'S COG CLUB, Boyes. Gene, Bud or Denny will greet you. It's sportsmen's headquarters—hunters, fishermen, football fans.

Christmas shopping has started off with something like a bang. Our local stores are mighty well stocked with attractive and reasonably priced merchandise, and if you're as wise as we think you are, you'll do a lot of trading with local stores. You can easily park, shop leisurely, get great values and service for your money, and realize that you're helping your neighbor merchants continue to do a good job serving the public. Try trading at home this year.

SONOMA RUBBER STAMP SHOP. Your 3-line address stamp, $2. Call WE 8-4160. We also have metal signs.

That washing machine offered last week is gone—went to Point Arena to an air force couple. Bill Sandlin, town marshall and ex-Sonoman, came down and picked it up for the long journey over to the coast.

MISSION CHAPEL MORTUARY, Funeral Directors, Sonoma. James and Jack Bisso. Only home-owned and operated mortuary serving Sonoma Valley families. WE 8-3357.

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Not a watchdog but maybe a matchdog—little Gene, grand factotum at the COG club, who has an eagle eye out for burnt matches. Put 'em in the ash tray and he swoops down and deposits them in the trash can, immediately and pronto.

ADOBE DRUG (Ray S. Duer), 417 First St. W., Sonoma. WE 8-2971
Prescription Specialists Veterinary Supplies

Yep, sometimes on purpose, we like to stir up a little controversy. This week we're sure to. It's about beans. All the fresh beans you can buy in local markets, in cans or in bins, are those green things, sometimes even french sliced. Isn't that wonderful! Reason the green variety is pushed is that out thisaway the green ones grow more prolifically (even though tasteless), so the growers make more money on 'em. But have you ever tried the golden wax variety? They're so far superior to the green variety it's pitiful. Will somebody start growing yellow wax beans next year, please?

SLEEPING ROOMS in private home. Clean and quiet. 27 Patten St., Sonoma. Phone WE 8-2553. 6-21

Rustic Inn and Cover-Up Shop in Glen Ellen now has a new pink Volkswagen delivery truck. Ruth Hendricks, proprietor of both institutions, grabbed the wagen. Look for it on your street.

GLEN ELLEN LIQUOR STORE. "Slim" Wallace. On Arnold Drive. Varied stock—wines, beer, whiskies, liquors.

Fresh crabs are ripe. Sam Friscia, local king of the crab industry, has 'em. And he'll have 'em cooked, will crack 'em to your specifications, and sell 'em cheap. Sam's an old-time habitue of Fisherman's Wharf, and knows his seafood from the ground (or sea) up.

R. A. "BOB" MILLER — "Yours for Life"
Insurance Exclusively Next to Telephone Co., Sonoma

The "big game" is coming up Saturday. Earlier season records are all wiped out for this game, and your bet is just as good as anyone else's. Quite a number of local fans will be on hand, and you'll be able to hear it on radio, maybe on television. May the best team win. We've got only one little bet.

VALLEY OF THE MOON CLEANING PLANT, Hwy. 12 in Boyes. All work done on premises. Fast service. Pickup. WE 8-5830.

Most horrible looking spot in Boyes is the former icehouse corner, at our main intersection. Don't know who owns it. But with all the wrecked cars stashed there, it's a mighty poor sight to greet visitors or travelers through. 'Way back when the icehouse was there it was terrible; now it's worse. That's where a bank should be.

And how 'bout those lots across from the Boyes theater? There may be laws, but if so they aren't enforced. If we were incorporated, these blights could be eliminated.

SONOMA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, Arnold Drive. Famous for fine food. Clown Room. Delectable drinkables. A friendly place.

Always have been interested in words—and their definitions. Did you know that transpire and perspire have the same meaning? Did you know that a church choir legitimately could be called a quire (which in these times has come to mean a measurement of paper)? Maybe you know of some other incongruities. Tell us about 'em.

BOYES SPRINGS FOOD CENTER. Holiday time calls for the finest in food—and that's what we stock, at low prices. Take-outs.

Like always to write about food. Take oysters. Delectable. But only the small ones from the east. Those bloated giant western oysters just don't measure up.

And mushrooms. Finest are the morrels, found in the spring in the midwest. Something like a sponge. The button variety is all right. There also are puffballs, too, which are wonderful the first day, dangerous the next. Out here a fellow once brought us what he called tree mushrooms, which, while we were a little bit leery, were mighty good. Probably best bet is to buy 'em from a local grower, or by the can. You're relatively safe.

LAZY R & T SHOP, 412 First St. East, Sonoma. Full of excellent gift items. Tools. Some furniture. Machine saw filing. Interesting.

Have you noticed. At 5 p.m. it's getting dark. At 6:30 a.m. it's still dark. It'll get worse before it gets better. And daylight savings time hasn't a thing to do with it.

OUR RESORT, El Verano. Harvey and Melina on duty. Home of draft beer, and the Stein Club. But a good mixologist on duty!

If you don't think plain English can be confusing, how about this conversation, heard recently in a local hardware store.

"Do you have any four-volt, two-watt bulbs?"

"For what?"

"No, two."

"Two what?"

"Yes."

"No."

JIM'S MEATS, at Boyes Springs Food Center. Everything you'll want for Sunday dinners, everyday needs, and the holiday season.

EDSEL MOTOR CARS. Frank Gregory, 300 France St., Sonoma. G. K. Hardt associate. Phone WE 8-4031 for demonstration ride.

You ever listen to Fort Pearson? He's a news commentator on a major network, and he lives right over across the mountains in Napa. Makes the commuter trip to the San Francisco station every day—once, or maybe twice. He's pretty good.

B & L LAUNDROMAT, Fetters. Heavy washings? Bring 'em here —save time, money. Wash, dry, iron. Your neighbors come here!

RICHFIELD SERVICE, Boyes. Rebuilding, but on the job all the time. Bud Delaney on duty—fast, efficient service.

Our Rebel Air Force sent us a catalog so we can buy a lot of gadgets for the holiday season. You, too, can be a colonel in the confederate air force—costs $1, and you get a certificate for framing, an identification card, only you must agree to praise the southern belles, eat chitlins and sowbelly, and make one word of damnyankee.

MAC DONALD'S JEWELRY, Sonoma. Expert watch-clock repair service. Watches, Rings, Bands, Jewelry, Shavers. The best, always.

LEE'S CHUCK WAGON, Sonoma highway. Formerly Fireside. Excellent food. Prime ribs a specialty. Barbecues. Drinkables.

El Verano Improvement club had a hot discussion at last week's meeting on incorporation. The boys and girls over there don't like the idea of incorporation in the first place, but were burned up when tentative boundary lines of a proposed incorporated city included a portion of El Verano, only they claim they weren't consulted at all.

Oden Romwall gave a talk on civil defense. The club is changing its meeting night from the second to the first Thursday of each month. A large crowd came out for the meeting, and they finished up the evening with turkey and trimmings and beverages to suit.

PAUL'S OLD RANCHERO, Verano. Mighty good dinners. Banquets a specialty. Music Saturdays—Paul and Buff. Cocktails.

SONOMA ICE DELIVERY, First St. East, Sonoma. Phone WE 8-9969. Home delivery. Cubes. Chunk or shaved ice. Beer & soda.

An Iowa columnist recently wrote: "No matter where one goes there is beauty—if for no other reason than because of the wonderful folks one meets—everywhere."

BANCROFT NURSERY, Sonoma. Wedding and funeral arrangements. Hospital deliveries. Finest in cut flowers, corsages.

FOUR CORNERS CAFE, So. Broadway. Steam Beer. Pizza in 12 varieties. Domestic and imported beer. Wine, too.

When you get to heaven, you will like view
Many folks whose presence there will be a shock to you.
Many, too, will wonder—some will surely stare,
Wondering how YOU made it to be admitted there.

WALTER GRUNERT AUTO UPHOLSTERY, Fetters Springs. Texaco station. Seat covers, floor mats, truck cushions, interior work.

CHEF CARDINI'S RESTAURANT, Glen Ellen. Formerly Town House. Continental cuisine. Finest foods in the Valley. Cocktails.

There is a line in the ocean where, by crossing, you can lose a day. And there is one on the highway where you can do even better.

ELECTRONIC DRIVE-IN— TV and Radio—Specializing in Auto Radio. 736 West Napa St., Sonoma. Kraft and Castori. WE 8-4839.

THANKS TO BENNET CERF, THIS POEM:

The wind was rough
And cold and blough;
She kept her hands inside her mough.

It chilled her through
Her nose turned blough,
And still the squall the faster flough.

And yet although
There was no snough,
The weather was a cruel fough.

It made her cough
(Please do not scough);
She coughed until her hat blough ough.

JOHN'S SEWING MACHINE SHOP, 17580 Hiway 12. Repairs, service, parts. All makes. Vacuum Cleaner experts. WE 8-8152.

A quiet rancher who had just got married was driving his bride to the ranch in his buggy. Only a short while after starting, the mare pulling the buggy stumbled on a stone. "That's once," mumbled the rancher quietly, but loud enough that his wife could hear. A little farther on the mar stumbled again. "That's twice," he said, a little louder this time. When the mare tripped still a third time, the rancher shouted, "That's three times," and jumped out and shot the mare.

Upset by this unexpected display of temper, his new wife gave out with a searing tongue lashing. Her rancher husband, however, seemed unmoved and heard her out patiently. When she finished, he looked her straight in the eye; his only words were, "That's once."

FRANK'S HARDWARE, Castner Bldg., Boyes. Gardening equipment. Household appliances. Giftware. Paints. Tools. Glass.

SONOMA MILL & LUMBER CO., Hiway 12 at the big curve. Super service for contractors, carpenters, home owners, ranchers.

Finest Christmas present you could give a relative or friend who maybe once lived in the Valley of the Moon would be a year's subscription to Moonbeams. $1.29 (more after January 1). We'll even notify them you're the donor.

EL DORADO HOTEL, Sonoma. Splendid dinners—Italian and American. Bring your guests here for wonderful food and drinks.

MANCUSO WINES, Glen Ellen. Grower-produced. Available at every retail outlet. As good as the best, and better than most.

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